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IT'S GOOD TO LIVE.

'Tis good to live! If but to feel
The winds of summer softly blow,
To tread the grass now gay with flow'rs,
To know warm beneath a spread of snow.

'Tis good to live! If but to dream
That even in the city street,
Above the highest building's top,
God's answer and my prayer will meet.

'Tis good to live! If but to learn
Enough I'm weak, my friend is strong
Any a minor tone it takes
All the chords for one grand song.

'Tis good to live! If but to love
All brave, true women, tender men;
To know a doubter may find faith
Through some pure heaven of eyes again.

'Tis good to live! If but to hear
A tuneful voice, homelick for heaven
Or read a glowing prophecy
The poet to the world has given.

If but to see amid the crowd
Two comrades meet and greeting give;
A face the love-light glorifies;
A laughing child—"tis good to live!"

The Congregationalist.

WOMEN'S WORK.

On the morning of May 22nd we left South Union for Russellville thence to Pembroke to attend First District S. S. Convention; was pleased to join Bro. W. H. Steward who was also in route to Pembroke. Reaching this point we found Rev. L. C. Majors, Chairman of the Reception Committee awaiting us, he accompanied us to the Mt. Washington Baptist church where the convention was in session. We were introduced to this body of christian workers by the president, Rev. Wm. Foster. On motion we were given Saturday evening to present the claims of the Baptist Women's Educational Convention; accordingly at 8 p. m. a large crowd assembled to hear us. After devotional exercises a literary program was rendered. At 9 p. m. we introduced by the president an appeal for our work. A collection was taken and \$1.40 was collected.

We are specially grateful to Misses Arietta Vaughn and Mamie Allenworth for their friendly assistance. During our stay at Pembroke we were entertained at the home of Deacon Smith and wife. Finding that no appointment had been made for us at neither Allenworth, Elkton nor Trenton we decided to go to Hopkinsville and attend commencement exercises of M. & F. College. Revs. Tyler, Dennis and Majors, pastors of the above named churches respectively promised to send us a collection from their churches. We hope to be able to report the same in our next communication. The time should have been given those churches was most pleasantly and profitably spent at M. & F. College, where our friends President, P. T. Frazer and loveable wife have made us welcome to their hospitality. We attended each of the exercises and have been highly gratified with all that we have seen and heard, such men sent out from State University as Prof. Frazer, will do more to more thoroughly establish the true worth of our grand old school than all that may be said, we believe we have made many new friends to our work by stating the fact that "he is one of the proud sons of Old State."

On Saturday morning, May the 30th, we were off for Cadiz, reaching this point in a drenching rain, we were met by Mr. F. Barnes and taken to the comfortable and inviting home of Dr. W. H. McKidley; we were met at the door and extended the warm hand of welcome by dear sister McKidley and her lovely mother, dear sister Crump of Owensboro, who is visiting her. We were soon made comfortable, especially after partaking of the hearty meal awaiting us. On Sunday morning we attended Sunday-school where we found the usual interest manifested. We were introduced by Superintendent King and made a short talk, asking for a contribution: \$1.05 was given. We attended 11 o'clock services, Dr. McKidley was at his best and we all left church feeling to have been greatly benefited by his timely sermon. At 8 p. m. we reassembled, Rev. S. Leavelle preached an instructive sermon after which Dr. McKidley gave us an hour to lay the claims of the Baptist Women's Educational Convention before the congregation at the conclusion of which a collection was taken amounting to \$9.57. At 8 p. m. we again assembled and listened to a soul inspiring sermon by the venerable Dr. After usual collection we were again, much to our surprise, allowed to make a short talk as many persons were present at that service who could not be present at the afternoon, appending to this number for a contribution we realized \$2.26; sold seven charts for 70 cents total collected at

Cadiz \$12.00; the following gave 25 each Mrs. W. H. McKidley, Mrs. M. Leavelle, Mrs. Bernella Wharton, Mrs. Henrietta Roach, Mrs. Bettie Boyd, Mrs. M. A. Bryant, Mrs. Susan Wharton Mrs. Jessie Durrett, Mrs. Mary Radford, sister Catherine Thompson, Misses Emma Grooms, L. A. Roach, E. L. White, Brethren G. W. King, F. Barnes, Moses Gaun, James Bronston, J. W. Roach, A. H. Miller, J. E. Dickerson 50 cents Dr. McKidley \$1.00. Never shall we forget this glorious Sabbath spent at Cadiz it is to be remembered that this church led the state last year in its contribution to the Missionary work and has so far eclipsed all previous collection taken this year. It has never been our pleasure to visit a better disciplined Baptist church in this or any other state, long live Dr. Wm. H. McKidley to keep the Baptist flag unfurled to the breeze that the world may continue to read the inscription thereon "One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism."

On Monday in company with sister McKidley we spent a most pleasant day at the home of brother and sister Roach, we enjoyed a sumptuous dinner and were off on time for Hopkinsville. We were unable to fill appointment at night owing to the final commencement exercises at tabernacle which were well attended and enjoyed greatly. On Tuesday evening, however, we were on time at Virginia Street church, where a small crowd awaited us. Dr. Williams conducted devotional exercises after which in a most impressive manner introduced us. We made a short talk and hope we were successful in making some friends to our work as well as strengthening the love and confidence of our old friends. A collection was given us amounting to \$1.15, the following gave 25 cents each: Brother Lewis Berry and Prof. P. T. Frazer, pledges to the amount of \$3.25 was taken. On Wednesday night we filled our appointment at Main Street church, small audience awaited us, devotional services were conducted by Bro. James Allenworth, Jr. we were afterwards introduced by him, succeeded in collecting \$2.25 sold three charts, the following gave 25 cents each: Brethren James Allenworth, Branch Bush, Jack Jeffer, W. H. Thomas, George Buckner; also pledges to the amount of \$6.00.

On Thursday night we were off on time through mud we climbed to or around the city of Hopkinsville a mile from our stopping place finally we reached the beautiful little church of Gainesville of which Rev. J. E. Ladd is pastor, he was absent but Prof. W. C. Davis, rendered kind assistance and proved to be of great help in this particular meeting we made a plea for our work collected \$2.01. The following persons gave 25 cents each Prof. W. C. Davis, Bros. James Lee, A. W. Withers, E. J. Tandy, also pledges to the amount of \$8.00 payable at our next meeting in Franklin Oct. 1st. We are glad to announce Dear Sisters that we are meeting with the greatest success in a financial way than ever before in the history of our work. We have just finished one month's service and have accomplished more without any special effort than ever before in the same length of time; so we feel encouraged. We ask not for rest, but for strength to labor on.

L. M. JACKSON.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Mrs. L. M. Jackson will fill the following appointments in the interest of the Baptist Women's Educational Convention:

Hodkinsville,	June 1-5
Princeton,	" 7-11
Paducah,	" 8-11
Mayfield,	" 11th
Corydon,	" 12th
Henderson,	" 13-15
Basket,	" 16th
Sobres,	" 17th
Madisonville,	" 18-19
Providence,	" 21th
Earlington,	" 22nd
Greenville,	" 23rd
Revier,	" 24th
Leitchfield,	" 25th
Hartford,	" 26th
Central City,	" 27th
South Carrollton,	" 28th
Livermore,	" 29th
Bethlehem,	" 30th

Pastors and Presidents of University Societies are requested to make suitable announcements of these appointments and meet our representative on her arrival and make provision for her entertainment. By order of the Board of Managers:

LIZZIE C. CRITCHFIELD,

Chairman.

Recreation is not the highest kind of enjoyment; but in its time and place it is quite as proper as prayer.—Prime.

BELLS

CALL FOR MEETING OF NATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY JULY 1st, 2nd and 3rd 1903.

To the members of the National Afro-American Council, Delegates from Local Councils and affiliated organizations, such as Churches, Colleges, Benevolent Societies, News papers and other Race Organization.

Greeting:
The Sixth annual Session of the National Afro-American Council will be held at Louisville, Ky., July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1903.

THE NECESSITY FOR THE MEETING.

The unceasing energy of those bent upon the creation of a public sentiment adverse to Afro-American; the open advocacy of the repeal of our constitutional right to the elective franchise by prominent men and leading gazettes, formerly classed among our friends and advocates, the timid and tremulous stand of those that essay to befriend us and the bold and defiant assaults of those satisfied with nothing short of our absolute undoing certainly necessitate the meeting in this advisory way of our strong men and women to devise a line of conduct in defense of our rights as freemen.

It is our earnest desire that every Church, College and Benevolent Society, and other Race Organization send representative accompanied by the annual tax of \$5, to this great National gathering. We have every reason to believe that the Louisville meeting will be the largest ever held in the history of the organization.

LIST OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I. THE AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1st. All persons who hold life membership.
- 2nd. Council Delegates, representing duly accredited Local Councils.
- 3rd. Affiliated Delegates, representing organizations of similar plans and purpose co-operating with Afro-American Council.

SEC. 2. Every Local Afro-American Council shall be entitled to representation in the National Council by delegates elected on the basis of one delegate to every fifty (50) members, said delegates to qualify upon presentation of credentials and payment of 10 cents for each member so represented. Provided, however, that any Local Council having less than fifty (50) members shall be entitled to one vote, upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of \$5.00.

SEC. 3. Religious and secular organizations which have for their aim and work the mental and moral elevation of the race, and which desire to co-operate with the National Council, may be represented by affiliated delegates, not more than two delegates to each organization. Said delegates shall have the right to vote upon payment of \$5.00 for each delegate.

SEC. 4. Editors of Afro-American newspapers and Principals of Academic Schools and Colleges, may be admitted to membership in the National Council and be entitled to a vote upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of \$5.00.

TRULY REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

From the above it will be seen that the National Afro-American Council is a representative body. The mere payment of \$5.00 does not entitle one to membership. Every delegate must bring written credentials certifying that he is the representative of a Local Council or affiliated organization, the editor of an Afro-American newspaper or the principal of an academic school or college.

DISFRANCHISEMENT PARAMOUNT QUESTION.

While many other questions relative to rights of the race will be considered the Executive Committee have decided that disfranchisement is to be the paramount topic for discussion. This question is of such great importance at this time, will be considered from every view point by some of the greatest thinkers of the race.

SPEECHES MUST BE SHORT AND TO THE POINT.

By action of the National Afro-American Council each speaker is limited to twenty minutes and in view of the fact that a portion of the Caucasian press of the country is ever ready to misrepresent the words of Afro-Americans, all speeches must be in manuscript, in order that there may be absolute proof of just what each speaker said.

FRESIDT FORTUNE WILL PRESIDE.

It seems certain that our beloved president, Thomas T. Fortune, Esq., will have returned from his mission to the far-off Orient in the interest of his people, by the time Council meets,

and will preside to the gratification of his friends all over the country. REDUCED RATES ON RAILROADS. (INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES)

A rate of one fare and one-third for the round trip, on the certificate plan, has been secured for those attending the meeting of the National Afro-American Council, Louisville, Ky. July 1-3 1903. The following directions are submitted for your guidance.

1. Tickets at full fare for the going journey may be secured within three days (exclusive of Sunday) prior to and during the first two days of the meeting. The advertised dates of the meeting are July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, consequently you can obtain your ticket not earlier than June 27th, nor later than July 2nd. Be sure that when purchasing your ticket, you request a certificate. Do not make the mistake of asking for a receipt.

2. Present yourself at the railroad station for ticket and certificate at least 30 minutes before departure of train.

3. Certificates are not kept at all stations. If you inquire at your station you will find out whether certificates and through tickets can be obtained to place of meeting. If not, agent will inform you at what station they can be obtained. You can purchase a local ticket thence, and there take up a certificate through ticket.

4. On your arrival at the meeting, present your certificate to Cyrus Field Adams, Secretary, of the National Afro-American Council.

5. It has been arranged that the special agent of the Trunk Line Association will be in attendance to validate certificates on July 3rd. You are advised of this, because if you arrive at the meeting and leave for home again prior to special agent's arrival you cannot have the benefit of the reduction on the home journey.

6. So as to prevent disappointment, it must be understood that the reduction on return journey is not guaranteed but is contingent on an attendance of not less than 100 persons holding certificates obtained from ticket agents at starting points, showing payment of full first-class fare of not less than 75 cents on going journey; provided, however, that if the certificates presented fall short of the required minimum and it shall appear that round-trip tickets are held in lieu of certificates they shall be reckoned in arriving at the minimum.

7. If the necessary minimum is in attendance, and your certificate is duly validated, you will be entitled, up to July 7th, to a continuous passage ticket to your destination by the route over which you make the going journey, at one-third the limited fare.

The reduced rates are applicable to the territory of the Central Passenger Association. The following passenger associations have been advised of probable attendance from their respective territories and may co-operate: New England Passenger Association, Trunk Line Passenger Association, Western Passenger Association, Southwestern Passenger Association, Transcontinental Passenger Association.

Let all the organizations above named elect their delegates as soon as possible and send their names to Cyrus Field Adams, Secretary, No. 384 South Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

The citizens of Louisville are preparing to entertain the Council in first class style and the trip promises to be a delightful one.

Signed

WILLIAM FLEDGER, Acting Pres.
ALEXANDER WALTERS, Chair. Ex. B.
CYRUS FIELD ADAMS, Gen'l Sec'y.

NEED OF MISSION WORK.

A Paper Read by Rev. C. C. Bates Before the Louisville M. & D. Monday, June 1st, 1903.

If we are disciples of Jesus, our heart's desire and prayer to God, is for the conversion of souls. If this can be accomplished, evil will be overcome and good will take its place. Conquer the world and hell will be conquered and Jesus will reign victorious. Then will His kingdom come, His will be done on earth as it is in heaven; but to do this is no child's play. It is work—real earnest work. For this purpose our Savior came into the world, and he called it work. I must do the work of him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh. It cost Him dearly; all that He had, pain, labor, blood, life all were endured and sacrificed for this great work. The hearts of men are surrounded by fortifications which seem well nigh impregnable. The devil has thrown open his breast works and occupies them with all his forces.

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These must be stormed and taken. And then when the heart is reached, we find it unwilling to receive the gospel. We find it hardened in sin, chilled by prejudice, charmed by worldly pleasures and in its very nature opposed to accepting the blessing that we bring. As the mother who fights her way through difficulties and dangers to recover her lost child, finds, when she reaches the loved object of her search, that her child is indifferent to her entreaties and refuses to own her as a mother, or return with her to her home, so Jesus when he came into this world "came to his own and his own received him not," and so it is often times with us when we offer Him to others. But the enemy must be overcome, the fortifications taken, prejudices broken down, the affections and desires changed, the heart won to Christ.

So it must be converted, and this I repeat, is work, and work is to be done in two ways: namely: General Work or that which includes the preaching of the gospel from the pulpit the writing of books or the publication of religious literature in general; Special or Personal work or that which is done by personal contact with men. My first point will be: "The Necessity of Personal Work," and then proceed to the more practical part of my subject: how to do it. The necessity arises out of the very nature of men. There is a power in personal contact with men. Sheet lightning can do no harm it is the bolt that strikes.

If a circular letter is sent around, headed: "To the Public," it is read by few, and attended to by less; but if you go into a man's door and call him out and talk to him on the same subject mentioned in the letter, which he has thrown into the waste basket, the effect is very different.

A man who captured seven soldiers during the war was asked how he did it. "I surrounded them," he replied. So it is here, we can surround a man and capture him for our king. Experience sustains this view. Show me the church that does not depend solely on its pastor, but has men and women engaged in mission work, and I will show you a prosperous church.

Many of you were brought to Christ by this means, and many more will come after you in the same way. But why need we multiply arguments when one will settle all. It is the Lord's plan. He thought this whole subject through; surveyed the whole field and then laid the plan of personal work. He is the Good Shepherd, and represents Himself as bringing home the sheep, not in flocks, but one at the time, and rejoicing in His work. How He preaches to Nicodemus, and how He pleads with the Woman of Samaria; call Matthew as He goes along, and pauses before Bartimaeus to bestow His blessing. But let us enter into the details of our task. The work is arduous and delicate. Let us mark out then a plan, may, the plan, the very best plan by which our work may be successful. First of all we must have the Holy Ghost. Without him we can do nothing. We shall be like moths around the candle, without him, but with him like the Hebrew children in the furnace.

Unless you are converted, you need not hope to be instrumental in the conversion of others. You must find the way to Calvary yourself before you try to show others the blessed road. Besides we shall need the spirit in our conflict with sin and Satan, both of which stand between us and every unconverted soul. Second we must be men of prayer. Our Father gives the Holy Spirit to every one that asketh Him. We must have communion with God. Prayer brings us nearer His throne, near the warm heart of Jesus. It warms our hearts and makes live men. Third we must know the Bible. If we are going to fight with the sword of the spirit let us be familiar with its uses. It is sharp, two-edged and not to be handled carelessly, but use aright it is quick and powerful. Be at home with this blade of the Lord and you will do the work, and do it well. With such preparation as this, the disciples of the spirit let us be familiar with its uses. It is sharp, two-edged and not to be handled carelessly, but use aright it is quick and powerful. Be at home with this blade of the Lord and you will do the work, and do it well. With such preparation as this, the disciples of the spirit let us be familiar with its uses.

Infidelity, so called philosophy, false science, depraved nature and the devil all combine to suggest doubts and difficulties to the soul. Do not lose your patience. Remember how patient your Lord has been with you. In conclusion, our work must be done. It is hard but we have help: "Go I am with you even unto the ends of the world." It is pleasant, for what mere joyful task than winning souls for Jesus. When and shall hear the Master say "Well done" and that will be worth all our sorrows, toils and cares. When this spirit has been aroused, when the church is on fire for the saving of souls, when those who are converted are willing to go into the highways and hedges, then the church will be ready for earnest, practical and persistent mission work, such as will arouse and bring the unsaved into touch with the power of the gospel. The needs are many in this city and the time has fully come for an organized effort to improve the terrible conditions which are carrying thousands on the downward road to sin and destruction.

To work then my brothers, "for they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever," and may God be with you in my prayer for Jesus' sake.

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